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Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT: Connect America Fund; High Cost Universal Service Support IN WC DOCKET NOS. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, CC DOCKET NOS. 01-92, 96-45, GN DOCKET NO. 09-51, WT DOCKET NO. 10-208, BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Please find attached with this letter a request for confidential treatment for portions of information submitted with our company Form 481 along with four copies. Contemporaneously, we are filing a copy of the redacted Form 481, with redacted attachments, via ECFS. This information has also been filed with our state commission and electronically submitted, and certified, with the Universal Service Administration Company. If you have any questions or concerns with the attachments, please contact Charles Curtis at Charles.curtis@contaegis.com or by phone at 252-514-2203.

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Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of)	
Connect America Fund)	WC Docket No. 10-90
)	WC Docket No. 07-135
High-Cost Universal Service Support)	WC Docket No. 11-42
)	WC Docket No. 05-337
Lifeline and Link Up Reform)	WC Docket No. 03-109
)	CC Docket No. 01-92
)	CC Docket No. 96-45
)	GN Docket No. 09-51
)	WT Docket No. 10-208

REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

The Nova Telephone Company ("Filer") requests that the portions of its Form 481 pertaining to its Five Year Plan in the Service Quality Improvement Reporting, its Tribal Land Offerings documentation and its Rate of Return Additional Documentation (RUS Annual Report) be granted confidential, non-public treatment pursuant to Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. Sections 0.457, 0.459, and related provisions of the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), including 5 U.S.C. Section 552(b)(4) ("Exemption 4"). Form 481 contains information regarding the Filer's capital expenditure budgets, detailed network information as well as sensitive financial information filed in the Rate of Return Documentation. Release of such information would supply its competition sensitive commercial information that would undermine its ability to serve its customers effectively. Such information is not customarily disclosed to the public or made available within the telecommunications industry. Therefore, the Filer requests confidentiality of these respective portions of its Form 481 filing be granted. Support for the Filer's request for confidential treatment pursuant to FCC rules in Section 0.459(b) is provided as follows:

- I. FILER'S FORM 481 SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 0.459 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES The material the Filer seeks confidentiality qualifies for the requirements outlined in Section 0.459 if the FCC's rules. As will be demonstrated, the Filer has satisfied all the elements of this section, concluding that disclosure of this information would be harmful to the Filer.
 - (1) Identification of the specific information for which confidential treatment is sought. The Filer requests confidential treatment for the portions of the Form 481 required by 47 C.F.R. Section 54.313(a)(2) and (4). The Form bears the legend "CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER IN WC DOCKET NO.'S 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, CC DOCKETS 01-92, 96-45, GN DOCKET NO. 09-51, WT

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DOCKET NO. 10-208, BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATION COMMISSION." The specific information considered confidential include: 1) The Filer's 5 year capital budget and network information associated with Service Quality Improvement Reporting (100), 2) ROR Additional Documentation which represents financial reports for calendar year 2014 (3005).

- (2) Identification of the Commission proceeding in which the information was submitted or a description of the circumstances giving rise to the submission. The information is required to be produced annually in accordance with 47 C.F.R. Section 54.313(a). The proceedings are WC Docket No. 10-90 and WC Docket No. 11-42.
- (3) Explanation of the degree to which the information is commercial or financial, or contains a trade secret or is privileged. The information requested for confidential treatment is information not customarily released to the public. Release of this information would have the effect of substantial harm to the competitive position of the Filer.
- (4) Explanation of the degree to which the information concerns a service that is subject to competition.
 All of the services provided by the Filer are subject to competition.
- (5) Explanation of how disclosure of the information could result in substantial competitive harm. Identification of network details could enable wrongdoers the ability to compromise network reliability to customers. In addition, competitive entities in the Filer's area would have access to sensitive network, strategic and financial details that would hamper the Filer's ability to effectively compete.
- (6) Identification of any measures taken by the submitting party to prevent unauthorized disclosure. The information filed is not customarily released to the public or publically made available within the telecommunications industry. The information is also only released within internal circulation, including its attorneys, consultants and engineers, held to confidentiality agreements. The request as well as the associated documents subject to it, are filed both paper copy as well as electronically.
- (7) Identification of whether the information is available to the public and the extent of any previous disclosure of the information to third parties. None of the information requesting confidential treatment is available to the public and have not been disclosed to parties unless those parties are engaged to perform services for the Filer, under non-disclosure.
- (8) Justification of the period during which the submitting party asserts that material should not be available for public disclosure. Due to the fact that the nature of the information being filed is sensitive in terms of competitive and public safety concerns, the Filer requests that confidential treatment be granted indefinitely.

II. CONCLUSION

For these reasons, pursuant to Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's rules, the Filer requests that the portions of Form 481 relating to those particular items listed in I.1, above, be treated as confidential under the Commission's rules and precedent and withheld from public inspection and that any distribution of them within the Commission should be limited, in accordance with the reasons stated for confidential

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request. In the case where any person, party or entity wishes to access any of this information, the Filer requests immediate notification so it can have the opportunity to oppose the request or consider any other action it deems necessary to protect both its network, strategic and financial interests and the interest of the customers it continues to serve.

Respectfully Submitted,

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FCC For	m 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form	The part of the pa	FCE Form 481 DMB Control No. 30 July 2013	so-8986/OMB Control No. 3060-0519
<010>	Study Area Code	300644	8	
<015>	Study Area Name	THE NOVA TEL CO		
<020>	Program Year	2016		
<030>	Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data	Stephanie Curtis		
<035>	Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	2525142203 ext.2		
<039>		stephanie@contacgis.	сом	
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<100>	Service Quality Improvement Reporting		(complete attached worksheet)	V
<200>	Outage Reporting (voice)		(complete attached worksheet)	V V
<210>	<- check box if no	outages to report		V
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<310>	Detail on Attempts (voice)			
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<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Stephanie C 2525142203				
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>					
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	stephanie@c	ontaegis.c	om.		
<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(ye	s/no)	0	and the second s	
<111>	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(ye	s/no) (0		-
<112>	If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service. Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your of CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.	company is a	300644oh	112.pdf		
	Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confit that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54,202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.	e-year			Name of Attached Document	
<113>	Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets		Ye	s]	
<114>	Report how much universal service (USF) support was received		Ye	5	1	
<115>	How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to impro	ve service qualit	ty Ye	:5		
<116>	How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to imp	rave service cov	rerage Ye	S		
<117>	How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve	ove service capa	acity No	ot Applicable		
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<811>	Holding Company	VNC Enterprises, LLC	
<812>	Operating Company	The Nova Telephone Company, Inc.	

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<910> Trib	bal Land(s) on which ETC Serves	
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<920> Trib	bal Government Engagement Obligation	Name of Attached Document
If your compa	any serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes	
to confirm the	ne status described on the attached document(s), on line 920,	
demonstrates	es coordination with the Impai government pursuant to	Select
§ 54.313(a)(9	9) includes:	es or Na or lot Applicable
	eds assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal mmunity anchor institutions.	
<922> Fea	asibility and sustainability planning;	
<923> Ma	arketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;	
<924> Con	mpliance with Rights of way processes	
<925> Con	mpliance with Land Use permitting requirements	
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<928> Con	mpliance with Cultural Preservation review processes	
	mpliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.	

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<1120>	Please confirm whether terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g) (Yes, No).	a
<1130>	Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).	kbps

	rms and Condition for Ufeline Customers	FEC Form 481
Lifeline		OMB Control No. 3060-0986/QMB Control No. 3060-0819
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<1210>	Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans	
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<1220>	Link to Public Website HTTP	
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	neck these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210,	9
	bsite listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to	
§ 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must	8
annually r	eport:	
<1221>	Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,	
	telephony service plans offered to cheline subscribers,	
<1222>	Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,	
<1223>	Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.	
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		s a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions,
Connect		mation reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.
4414	Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting	
<2010>	2nd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)i)	
<2011a>	3rd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)ii)	
<2011b>	Attachment (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)ii)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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		Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information
	Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification (47 CFR § 54.312(a))	a a
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	Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support (47 CFR § 54.313(d))	
<2016>	Certification Support Used to Build Broadband	The state of the s
	Connect America Phase II Reporting (47 CFR § 54.313(e))	
<2017>	3rd year Broadband Service Certification	
<2018>	5th year Broadband Service Certification	
<2019	Interim Progress Certification	
<2020>	Please check the box to confirm that the attached document(s), on lingursuant to § 54,313 [e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support s	ne 2021, contains the required information shall provide the number, names, and
	addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing	g access to broadband service in the
	preceding calendar year.	
<2021>	Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions	
		Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information

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CHECK	he boxes below to note compilance on its five year service quality plan (pursuar	nt to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring	compliance with th	
	CFR § 54.313[If(Z), I further certify that the	re information reported on this form and in the documents attac	hed below is accura	ite.
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(3010)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan			T .
(5020)	Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))			1
		Name of Attached Document Listing Required Inform	ation	
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	§ 54.313 (f)(1)(ii), the carrier shall provide the number, names, and addreproviding access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.	esses of community anchor institutions to which began	V	
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(3012)	Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))			1
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(3013) (3014)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No) (Yes/No)	12	
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	check these boxes to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3017	/, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(1)((2) compliance req	jures:
(3015)	Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)		4	
(3016)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Ca	sh Flows		
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(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual			1
	report and all required documentation			1
		Name of Attached Decument Links Described Information		
(2010)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information (Yes/No)	70	
(3018)		(restrio)		
	If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains			
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a fe	ormat comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunication	ins [
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of C	ash Flows	4	
(3021)	Management letter and audit opinion issued by the independent certified pr	ublic accountant that performed the company's financial audit		
	If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2),			
	to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:	ĸ		
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a		~	
	format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications			
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(2024)	public accountant		<u> </u>	
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification. Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Ca	ash Flows	40	
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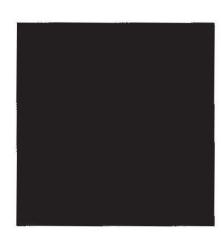
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

i certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my respo recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information	nsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support n reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

certify that (Name of Agent) <u>Charles Curtis</u> is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.						
Name of Authorized Agent: Charles Curtis						
Name of Reporting Carrier: THE NOVA TEL CO						
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date: 06/26/2015					
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Charles Mattingly						
Title or position of Authorized Officer: President						
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 9036630099 ext.						
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 300644	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2015					

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.					
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: Charles Curtis					
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date: 06/25/2015				
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: Charles Curtis					
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent President					
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: 9036630099 ext.					
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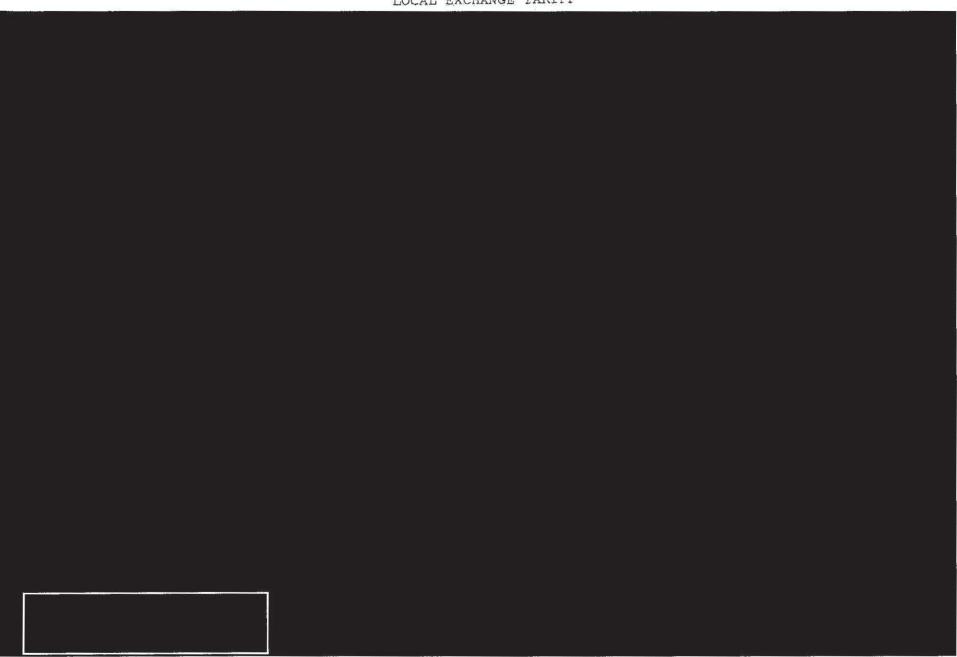
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SECTION NO. 1 ORIGINAL SHEET NO. 3

P.U.C.O. NO. 4 LOCAL EXCHANGE TARIFF



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Response to Line 510 - Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules

<u>Surpasses PUC minimum service quality standards</u> – The Nova Telephone Company ("Filer") hereby certifies that its voice service surpasses the minimum standards required by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") for eligible telecommunications carriers. Over the history of the Filer's provision of voice services to its customer, it has consistently exceeded those minimum standards.

<u>Publically available rates, terms and conditions</u> - Once more, the Filer's rates, terms and conditions for voice service are publically available through OCC approved local exchange tariffs.

<u>Protection of consumer information</u> - The Filer complies with the Federal Communications Commission Consumer Proprietary Network Information ("CPNI") rules (47 C.F.R. Sections 64.2001-64.2011). The compliance is assured through certification for CPNI compliance by March 1 of each year, in addition to its own internal company procedures. The Filer also complies with all consumer protection rules applicable by State law.

Broadband service rates, quality service standards - The Filer offers wholesale broadband to an unaffiliated third party, rather than retail to its end users. It assures the third party that it provides speeds associated with service plans purchased through its interstate tariff. For example, for lines that subscribe at speeds up to a download speed and upload speed, those speeds are provided. However, those speeds are based on a 'best effort' basis, due to the fact there are several aspects of the broadband network, outside of the Filer's control, that can effect throughput speeds. The interstate tariffs are publically available for rates, terms and conditions. Once more, the Filer has internal procedures to assure that quality of service to broadband customers exceeds expectations. Therefore, although there are no current broadband service quality standards and consumer protection rules, the Filer discloses its rates, terms and conditions of service to its customers. Lastly, the Filer complies with applicable federal and state customer protection standards for all businesses in Ohio.

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Response to Line 610 - Ability to Function in Emergency Situations for Voice and Broadband

The Nova Telephone Company ("Filer") certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in both federal and state regulations.

<u>Power</u> - The Filer's network is designed to remain functional in emergency situations where no external power is available. In such cases, the Filer has eight hours of battery backup power for its wire center and field electronics locations. The wire center is also equipped with backup power generators and automatic transfer switches. In addition, the Filer has access to mobile backup generators in case of backup power failure.¹

<u>Routing and Spikes</u> – The Filer has alternate routes configured in each of its local switch to assure that when the primary routes are down, traffic is re-routed to alternate routes and facilities. In addition, the Filer has overflow routes where traffic spikes may compromise the primary route traffic flows.

<u>Procedures for voice and data</u> - The Filer has internal procedures for emergency situations which includes emergency operations planning. Such procedures and network infrastructure utilized for emergency situations is offered as such for both voice and broadband services.

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¹ Section 54.202(a)(2)

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Response to Line 1010 - Voice Services Rate Comparability



BASIC TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

II. LIFELINE/LINK UP REQUIREMENTS

A. General

- Lifeline shall be a flat-rate, monthly, primary access line service with touch-tone service or any other packages/bundles of service, if available to customers, less the lifeline discount and shall provide all of the following:
 - (a) A recurring discount to the monthly basic local exchange service rate that provides for the maximum contribution of federally available assistance;
 - (b) Not more than once per customer at a single address in a twelve-month period, a waiver of all nonrecurring service order charges for establishing service;
 - (c) Free blocking of toll service, 900 service and 976 service;
 - (d) A waiver of the federal universal service fund end user charge;
 - (e) A waiver of the telephone company's service deposit requirement.

B. Regulations

- Lifeline Assistance is available to residential customers who are currently
 participating in one of the following federal or state low-income assistance
 programs that limit assistance based on household income:
 - (a) Medical Assistance under Chapter 5111 of the Ohio Revised Code (Medicaid) or any state program that might supplant Medicaid;
 - (b) Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP/food Stamps);
 - (c) Supplemental Security Income (SSI) under Title XVI of the Social Security Act;
 - (d) Supplemental Security Insurance blind and disabled (SSDI);
 - (e) Federal public housing assistance, or Section 8;
 - (f) Home Energy Assistance Programs (HEAP, LIHEAP, E-HEAP);

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- (g) National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program (NSL);
- (h) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF/Ohio Works); or
- General Assistance (including disability assistance (DA).
- Lifeline Assistance is available to residential customers whose total household income is at or below one-hundred fifty percent (150%) of the federal poverty level.
- 3. The Telephone Company shall require, as proof of eligibility for Lifeline Assistance, a document signed by the customer, certifying under penalty of perjury that the customer is receiving benefits from one of the programs identified in Section ## B.1., above; identifying the specific program or programs from which the customer receives benefits and agree to notify the carrier if the customer ceases to participate in such program or programs. If a customer is applying for Lifeline based on income Section ## B.5.a-g for examples of income documentation.
- The Telephone Company must verify Lifeline service eligibility for customers who
 qualify through household income-based requirements consistent with the FCC
 requirements in 47 C.F.R. 54.
- Consistent with federal law, examples of acceptable income documentation includes the following:
 - (a) State or federal income tax return;
 - (b) Current income statement or W-2 from an employer;
 - (c) Three consecutive months of current pay stubs;
 - (d) Social security statement of benefits;
 - (e) Retirement/Pension statement of benefits;
 - (f) Unemployment/Workmen's Compensation statement of benefits;
 - (g) Any other legal document that would show current income (such as a divorce decree or child support document).

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- 6. Customers qualifying for Lifeline with past due bills for regulated local service charges shall be offered special payment arrangements with the initial payment not to exceed \$25.00 before service is installed, with the balance for regulated local charges to be paid over six equal monthly payments. Lifeline service customers with past due bills for toll service charges shall have toll restricted service until such past due toll service charges have been paid or until the customer establishes service with a subsequent toll provider.
- 7. All other aspects of the state-specific lifeline service shall be consistent with the federal requirements. The rates, terms, and conditions for lifeline service shall be tariffed in accordance with Rule 4901:1-6-11 of the Administrative Code.
- The Telephone Company shall provide written notification to the customer applying
 for Lifeline service that is determined ineligible for Lifeline service and shall
 provide an additional 30 days to prove eligibility.
- 9. The Telephone Company shall provide written customer notification if a customer's Lifeline service benefits are to be terminated due to failure to submit acceptable documentation for continued eligibility for that assistance. The Lifeline customer shall have an additional sixty (60) days to submit acceptable documentation of continued eligibility or dispute the findings regarding termination of benefits.
- The Telephone Company shall establish procedures to verify an individual's continuing Lifeline eligibility for both program and income based criteria consistent with the FCC's requirements in 47 C.F.R. 54.409-54410.

C. Enrollment Process

- 1. Existing Customers
- 2. New Customers

D. Income Eligibility

- The Telephone Company must verify through acceptable documentation that a
 customer qualifies for Lifeline Assistance. Such verification must be performed
 within 60 days of a customer's service establishment. Examples of income
 documentation are identified in Section ## B.5.a-g.
- Regardless of when the Company completes the verification process Lifeline benefits shall go back to the date the qualified customer established Lifeline.

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- 3. The Telephone Company shall provide written notification to customers that do not qualify for Lifeline Assistance. The notice shall give the customer an additional 30-day opportunity to prove eligibility or dispute the company's determination. Such notice shall be given at least 30 days prior to the date the company intends to terminate the Lifeline benefits.
- 4. Written notification must include: 1) the earliest date termination of Lifeline benefits will occur if the customer has been receiving the benefits or the last date the customer has to provide documentation to prove eligibility to receive the benefits; 2) the reason(s) for termination of Lifeline benefits and any actions which the customer must take to demonstrate continued eligibility; 3) contact information for the Telephone Company; and 4) a statement explaining who customers may contact in the event of a dispute.
- If a customer disagrees with a company's findings regarding eligibility for Lifeline Assistance, the customer may file an informal/formal complaint with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

E. Verification for Continued Eligibility

- 1. The Telephone Company must notify customers at least 60 days prior to the company's pending termination of the customer's Lifeline Assistance if the customer fails to submit acceptable documentation for continued eligibility for benefits. Such notice will be separate from the bill and will include: 1) the earliest date termination of Lifeline benefits would occur; 2) the reason(s) for termination of Lifeline benefits and any actions which the customer must take to demonstrate continued eligibility; 3) contact information for the Telephone Company; and 4) a statement explaining who customers may contact in the event of a dispute.
- Should a customer fail to submit proper documentation within the 60 day period, the Telephone Company will

Response to Line 3010

Nova Telephone Company

Study Area 300644

Milestone Certification

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.202 (a) Nova Telephone Company ("Filer") provides this certification that it is taking reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to offerings in urban areas as determined in an annual survey as specified in Public Notice DA 15-470, and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time. Details for how Filer is meeting its obligations for meeting its goals and required obligations are specified within the FCC Form 481 annual filing.

Response to Line 3012
The Nova Telephone Company
Study Area 300644

Anchor Institutions

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 (f)(1)(ii) The Nova Telephone Company ("Filer") provides this document that contains the number names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the ETC newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year:

Filer did not begin providing access to broadband service to any community anchor institutions in the preceding calendar year.

Date: 6/26/2015

Name of companies covered by this Certification: The Nova Telephone Company of Ohio

I, Charlie Mattingly, certify that I am an officer of The Nova Telephone Company (Nova). Nova is not an RUS borrower. Once more, Nova's calendar year 2014 accounting is not subject to an audit but will be reviewed by a certified public accountant. The review has not yet been completed. Currently, Nova has engaged with a CPA to complete a review of its calendar year 2014 accounting and wasn't completed in time for this filing. Therefore, I hereby certify that, notwithstanding a completed review by the CPA, the submitted financials for Nova, in accordance with FCC rule 47 C.F.R. Section 54.313(f)(s) are accurate, to the best of my knowledge.

Name of signatory: Charlie Mattingly

Title of signatory: President, The Nova Telephone Company of Ohio

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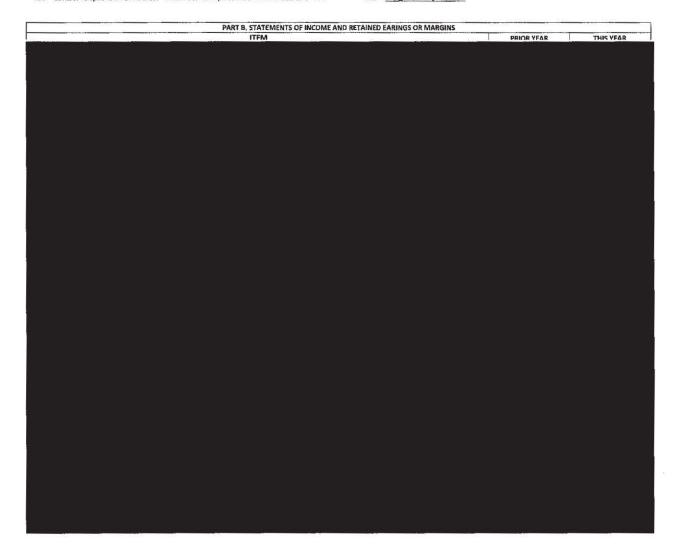
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PART C. STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS